

HB 411 -- Transitioning the Services of Residents of  
Developmental Disabilities Facilities

Sponsor: Wyatt

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health to develop a plan for transitioning the services for a resident of a state developmental disabilities facility to the most integrated settings appropriate to his or her needs and a plan identifying mechanisms to serve the persons currently living in state institutions in the community. The plan must contain specific recommendations for each resident based on an assessment of individual needs and preferences identifying the services in the most appropriate community setting of the resident's choice, cost of providing the necessary services in a community setting, barriers to community transition, and a transition timetable. The plan must include best practices for serving persons with development disabilities; research, data, and trends regarding residential settings for these persons; and recommendations for state employees working at the state facilities. The transition plan to de-institutionalize persons with developmental disabilities must identify alternative uses for state facilities; costs, cost savings, and the time frame for the cost savings; potential funding sources; legal obstacles; any needed new or enhanced services; and a proposed implementation schedule transitioning the provision of services to the community for every resident by January 1, 2018.

All long-term admissions to state intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded must cease upon the effective date of the bill.

Any plan started after August 28, 2011, to build or renovate a state-owned facility cannot be implemented, entered into a contract to construct, or put out for bid until the completion of the plan.

The department must submit the plan by December 31, 2012, to the Governor; Senate Appropriations Committee; House of Representatives Health, Mental Health, and Social Services appropriations committees; House of Representatives Budget Committee; and the Missouri Advisory Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities within the department.